



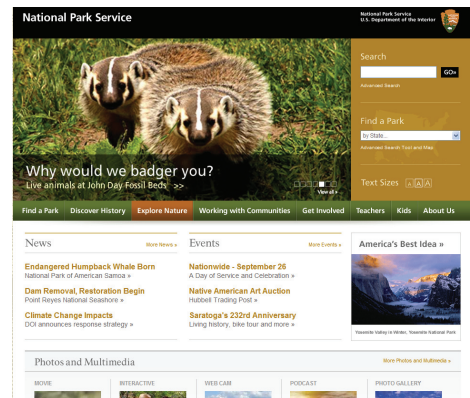
Experience Your America *The National Park Service*

Salem Maritime National Historic Site is run by the National Park Service. The National Park Service was started in 1916 in order to preserve America's national park system for this and future generations.

In 2016, the National Park Service will be celebrating its Centennial. That means the National Park Service will be one hundred years old! How old will you be in 2016? _____

There are over 390 National Park areas in the United States. Each one preserves a special part of America's heritage. Some parks preserve plants and animals and their homes. Other parks protect historic buildings and places, like battlefields or famous buildings like Independence Hall.

Salem Maritime National Historic Site was founded in 1937. It preserves buildings and wharves that tell the story of New England's international trade in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.



When you get home, visit the National Park Service web site, www.nps.gov.

Find your state on the map. What is a National Park near your home?



America's national park areas are cared for by **National Park Rangers**. National Park Rangers proudly wear this **arrowhead** on their uniforms. The National Park Service arrowhead represents the wide range of treasures that National Park Rangers work to preserve and protect.

- The sequoia tree and bison represent nature
- The mountains and water represent recreational opportunities
- The arrowhead shape represents historic and archeological sites.



Ask a Park Ranger:

What is the animal on the gold National Park Ranger badge?

Answer: _____

Park Rangers do lots of different jobs in the park service. Using the words below, can you figure out what some of the jobs are in the National Park Service? Ask a Park Ranger if you are having trouble.

visitors

buildings

tours

medics

trash cans

safe

money

preserve and protect



Interpretation rangers greet _____, give out information about the park, and lead _____. In some parks, interpretation rangers also show how people in the past lived. They dress in costume and demonstrate skills like cooking, weaving, or firing muskets.



Law enforcement rangers make sure that visitors to the park are _____ and obey the law. Some law enforcement rangers are also _____, and rescue people who have been hurt.



Maintenance workers do everything from emptying _____, to caring for historic gardens and orchards. Some maintenance workers repair historic _____ or keep historic machines like mills and steam engines working. In some parks, maintenance workers also repair roads and make sure trails are kept clear.



A **Superintendent** is in charge of a park. He or she has to make sure the park follows its budget and doesn't spend too much _____, and make decisions about how to best _____ the park. Another important job of a superintendent is to talk to the park's neighbors and political representatives and make sure they know about what is going on at the park.

BONUS!

What is the big difference between the uniform of an interpretation ranger and a law enforcement ranger?
